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Reference: FCC Docket Nos 96-45, 98-171, 90-571, 92-237, 99-200, 95-116, 98-170
and NSD File No. L-00-72.

Dear FCC:

I am writing to complain about the proposed changes to the Universal Service Fund and requesting that the FCC investigate this matter further before changing the current policy. Your proposed \$1.00 per month charge for all wireless phones will directly impact my ability to retain my wireless service.

I do not think it is fair to charge EVERYBODY \$1.00 dollar regardless of how they use their wireless phone, especially for a low-volume user that relies on wireless service for safety and security, not interstate calls. The current policy is fair, based on interstate usage, and should be left alone. Please do not penalize us. Keep this fair.

As a resident of New York City, I use the service to keep in touch with my pre-teen child-- we have serious concerns about safety and emergency here, as you may imagine. We only use this service for sudden health or "on my way" contact. The additional charge is not fair, as Tracfone covers the charges in what I already pay.

In addition, cell phone charges are a way to increase our taxes, which is also unfair. The cellphone and regular phone companies tax us for communicating. The Universal Service fund already makes an inroad into the limited cash I earn after all other Federal, State and Local taxes. Although a dollar sounds like just a little money, a dollar MORE a month is hard on many customers who have limited salaries or retirement incomes. Please reconsider the policy.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please provide a written response indicating the status/resolution of this matter.

Very truly yours,

Maureen Kolb
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CC: FCC Subcommittee Members